

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 1885.

Eggs are 30c. a dozen.
And good butter is 25c.
Mrs. Wm. Harper is better.
Herman Stellhorn is in Moberly.
Mr. J. F. Smith has been very sick.
H. Schmidt has our thanks for favors.
Capt. Frost has our thanks for fine cigars.
Tom Coons is tending bar at Farber, Mo.
Senator D. A. Ball has our thanks for favors.
Hon. W. H. Kennan has our thanks for favors.
James Roy is recovering from a severe illness.
Mr. Septimus Martin is going to buy the Rainey property.
Dr. W. C. Pipino made a business trip to St. Louis last week.
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris are visiting relatives in St. Louis.
The Mountain Pink was the best play we ever had in Mexico.
The Building and Loan association is now in good running order.
Hon. W. H. Kennan was home last week to attend to some business.
The Ledger never lets up. Its subscription list grows every day.
Hon. J. F. Rucker, of Sturgeon, made us a pleasant call this week.
The grand jury adjourned Monday. They did good and faithful work.
J. S. Crawford writes us that he has moved to San Antonio, Texas.
Dr. Brice Edwards of St. Charles county, was home last week on a visit.
Robert Graham and family will shortly move to their fine farm near Mexico.
The "stag" party at Maj. Hiram Ricketts' this week was a very pleasant affair.
Monday was ground hog day. The hog saw his shadow and skipped into his hole.
Sterling Carter and Henry Richter have gone to California with R. T. Powell to reside.
The obituary of John A. Crockett will appear next week. Also the temperance column.
J. N. Cross, the hustling editor of the Laddonia Herald, is in Mexico on business last week.
Eld. John A. Brooks told what he knew about prohibition, at the court house, Tuesday night.
J. A. Hudson of the Macon Times, made us a pleasant call while in Mexico on business last week.
Willard Potts has moved his restaurant to the commodious room under the old Central hotel.
Young Mr. Steinman found Mr. Callahan's pocket book containing \$50. He received \$25 reward.
Ex-Gov. C. H. Hardin and wife are in New Orleans and will visit Pensacola, Florida, before they return.
Mr. John Marmaduke and family will occupy Mr. Tucker's house when he moves into his new residence.
Two farmers in Callaway county narrowly escaped being devoured by wolves during the last snow storm.
Col. E. M. Hughes, one of Montgomery county's best lawyers, was attending court in Mexico this week.
Miss Annie Hall, of Centralia, and Miss Alice Wilson, of Santa Fe, are visiting the family of J. C. Shepherd.
J. A. Glandon has sold his residence to Wm. Coons, of Callaway, brother of Joe Coons of this city for \$3,500.
Mrs. C. C. Gremm, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is visiting friends here. Mrs. Gremm is Joe Schumacher's mother.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, South, meets at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Ricketts this afternoon.
Several people were killed and a great loss of property resulted from an explosion of a gas pipe in Pittsburg, Pa., last Saturday.
John M. Clark, son of J. P. Clark, of this city, is secretary and treasurer of the Freeman Woodware Manufacturing Co. of Louisiana, Mo.
Mr. Drumpheller, a substantial farmer of near Middletown, made us a pleasant call Tuesday. His son George is now a subscriber to the Ledger.
F. M. Johns is going to build a large and commodious carpenter shop just west of the jail on the large lot he has just bought from C. W. Baker.
Scott Green, now on the Louisiana Press, was in Mexico last week and called. He is looking well and thinks this world the best one he ever lived in.
Mrs. Edie Wilkey, of Mexico, and her friend, Mrs. Dixie Tyler, of St. Louis, have been making Mrs. Dr. Lockridge, of Sturgeon, a pleasant visit.
Mrs. Jas. Finn, of this city, fell last Sunday on the ice and broke her left arm at the wrist. Dr. W. C. Pipino was called and the lady is fast recovering.
A number of young people from this city went out to Miss Jennie Atkins', four miles east of town, last Saturday night to attend a party and were right royally entertained by the charming Miss Jennie.
In a private letter from Charley Greenamyer we see that he is in business in Kansas City and is doing well. He sends his regards to W. R. Carter, Gene Tomlinson, Tom Hughes and all the rest of the boys.
H. Schmidt, agent for W. J. Lempe's brewery now has for sale Lempe's Extract of Malt, which is widely recommended for the sick by physicians. It is not an intoxicant but the most nourishing drink known.



If Bill Atkins ain't a hummer.
If Ab really got stuck on one of the gold (?) rings.

When Bennett will sell his pigs, horses, cows and dogs.
If Hubert Schmidt's sleigh did not take the cake last week.

How many of the boys went rabbit hunting last Monday.
If Levi Woods would not make a good newspaper reporter.

What the grand jury would do without doctors and editors.
If there are not more babies than parents, according to the grand jury.

What married man called on a young lady Saturday evening and left rather suddenly.

What the Laddonia young man meant by writing to his young lady friend about a "coal house"? Does he think she don't want a fine residence with a park and croquet grounds?

If a Holiness preacher (at least he says he is a preacher) of this city did not get money from the poor fund raised by Marshal Murray "to buy a load of wood for a poor widow" and then hauled the wood down to his own house.

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Patterson's Dog.

We hear that some of the school children are afraid of Dr. Patterson's dog. The dog is harmless and loves children, and by-the-way he is one of the smartest dogs in the county. As soon as the fire alarm bell sounds he wakes the folks up, and when they let him out runs to the engine house and stays with the machine. He can tell whether the bell is rung for a fire or a drill. When the paper is left on the front steps he goes out and brings it in. When he thinks there is nothing in it he leaves it. A few nights since he came running down stairs and began to bark around Mr. Marmaduke, who is boarding there, and other members of the family. He purred excited and ran up and then down the stairs. On examination it was found a lamp up stairs was blazing up and was nearly ready to explode.

New City Hall.

The city council at a called meeting Monday adopted the plans submitted by H. D. Hunter for the city hall without any changes. The building will be 30x50 feet, two stories, pressed brick on north and east fronts, galvanized iron cornices and trimmings, slate roof. There will be on the first floor the engine room, marshal's office and calaboose; on the second floor will be the council room, recorder's office and jury room, closets, etc. This building when completed will be a fine structure and an ornament to the city.

The entertainment in the Mechanic's Court last night was given by Stuart Rogers, whose great reputation as a reciter and impersonator has reached this city, though he has never been heard here before. Mr. Rogers was effective in the character sketches and very amusing in the humorous scenes, keeping the audience in great good humor. He will be very cordially greeted here should he come again, which we hope he will.—Worcester (Mass.) Spy, Dec. 12th.

At the Opera House Tuesday eve, February 10th. Admission 25, 35 and 50c.

Smoke The Pullet, a genuine Havana filler, for sale by Theo. Garrett.

Geo. A. Brock of this city, takes the Ledger. He also sends it to his father-in-law at Racine, Wis., and to his father at Chamois, Osgood county, Mo. Such men who give life, backbone, encouragement and money to a live newspaper. If there were no such men there would be no newspapers in this country.

M. V. Ford, of this county, died suddenly last Saturday just south of Mexico at his residence. He had just returned from California, where he had been for his health. When his wife arose he appeared to be all right. When she went back to the room a few hours afterwards, he was dead. He had been ill a long time, but death was not expected so soon.

The Building and Loan Association met in the council room Monday night. The meeting was well attended. S. A. Wincoff borrowed the first \$600, 9 per cent. per annum and paid \$63 dollars bonus. This is the cheapest money that will be loaned by the association. The B. and L. Association is starting off with the right foot first and will be a success.

Thos. J. Casey, a leading citizen of Slater, formerly a merchant of this city, was in to see us Tuesday. He is a candidate for the postmastership at Slater, and would make a good one. He went over to Jefferson City yesterday.

The Mexico opera house is now properly heated and attendants at shows can enjoy some comfort. Mexico has a large and comfortable house and during the season its patrons enjoy some of the best entertainments on the road.

Circuit Clerk Johnson has been confined to his bed with rheumatism during court. The old clerk, Jno. J. Steele, took his place and everything moved off smoothly.

DO N'T MAKE ANY MISTAKE ABOUT -- IT! -- WE ARE CLEANING HOUSE!

If you want an Overcoat for Man or Boy, COME NOW!
A SUIT for Man or Boy, COME NOW!
A Pair of Pants or Coat for Man or Boy, COME NOW!
A Hat or Cap for Man or Boy, COME NOW!
A Pair of Boots or Shoes for Man or Boy, COME NOW!
A fine Trunk for a Man or Lady, COME NOW!
An Undershirt or pair of Drawers, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Hosiery, white and fancy shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Gloves, or anything in the Furnishing Goods line, COME NOW!
We have called in the "Broom Brigade," and will sweep the BARGAINS out with a rush. Once more we say,

Come Now!

Joe & Vic Barth,
Leaders in Styles and Outfitters of all Mankind.
North Side Square, MEXICO, MO.

H. Hall Released.—His Statement.

Hamilton Hall, who was sent to jail, as reported in last week's Ledger, for refusing to give the name of the grand juror who was a member of the last grand jury before this, and who told him some of the secrets of said jury, has been released. The old jury was sent for and still the name of the informer could not be found. The following are the names of the grand jury for October term, 1884: L. Munday, foreman; P. M. Morris, J. T. Harrison, O. T. Rollins, J. N. Roseberry, Alex. Keene, J. T. Guthrie, J. C. Smith, O. P. Smith, M. Bybee, A. C. Cox, J. C. Baskin. Mr. Hall says that it was neither Guthrie, Roseberry nor Munday who told him. This leaves the matter between the other nine. Mr. Hall was sent for from jail Monday and then told the grand jury he expected he could tell the reason that each one of the jury said it was not him. He said he really did not think the juror remembered telling him, because the matter came up in a casual conversation and the juror did not think he was doing wrong, and as a matter of course he never thought of it again and has entirely forgotten it. At the same time he would not give his name. He was released, as it was evident the name of the juror could not be learned, and if learned he was only guilty of thoughtlessness.

His Statement.

The following letter from Mr. Hall explains itself:

To the Editor of the Ledger.
Mexico, Mo., Feb. 2, 1885.—I have been told that Mr. Thomas B. Buckner is circulating the report that I did this morning answer the questions that I last Tuesday refused to answer to the grand jury, and for which refusal I was confined to the county jail, in regard to the juror that furnished me the information concerning Martin Kunkel's evidence. This is another of his little mistakes. When I was asked by the grand jury this morning if I would answer the questions I flatly refused to do so. I told them that I would make them a statement of the case without mentioning any names, and I did so and I was discharged from custody. These are the facts in the case and Mr. Thomas B. Buckner will not, I think, deny it. H. HALL.

Important Land Decision.

Among the important cases determined in our circuit court this week are those of J. A. Hudson, carrier of Sallie Henderson, minor, against Henry Detienne and Mr. Burgdorf of the eastern part of the county, involving the title to a farm in the same neighborhood, containing 160 acres of valuable land. It seems that the land belonged originally to L. L. Henderson, who died in the spring of 1867, leaving this farm as a homestead. Deceased left a wife and one child by the surviving wife, and four children by a former wife. The last wife finally died, leaving one child of her own, so that there were five children in all. It was claimed that the five children inherited the land equally. Detienne bought what he supposed to be two-fifths interest in the land from two of the children of the first wife and Burgdorf secured a similar claim through the same channel from the other two children of the first wife. Hudson claimed that, under the law of 1867, the last wife inherited the land absolutely, subject only to a homestead interest of the children of the former wife until they become of age, and that as they are now all of age, his ward, Sallie Henderson, being the only child of the widow left by Henderson, the widow having since died, in turn inherits the land absolutely, and sued in ejectment for possession of the land and for rents and profits for 1884. Finding for plaintiff, with rent at \$2 per acre and \$26 per month damages for time land is held in future. Said finding in both cases. Mr. Hudson became curator of Sallie Henderson only about a year ago, the former curator having neglected to claim and take possession of the farm for the ward.

Mr. John A. Wood, recently from Kentucky and a brother-in-law of Col. Kelly, of the Moberly Monitor, made us a pleasant call this week. He represents the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of New York in North-east Missouri. He is a live man and represents a good company and is thinking of locating here. He likes the town and we trust he will make Mexico his home.

Some Girl will get the Reward.

John McIntyre offers a \$50 reward for the safe return of his partner, A. F. Romans, who is making a protracted stay in Andrain county.—Wellsville Democrat.

"Climbing Up The Golden Stairs."

Last Sunday the colored Baptist minister of this city baptized 57 colored people in Pollock's pond, 28 men and 29 women. He cut a large hole in the ice and it made the lookers-on shiver to think what chances some of the brethren and sister were taking as they went through the hole. They were liable to get pneumonia, and if some of them who have "fined" the church several times before are not more in earnest this time their manner of salvation would be the means of their loss. We are glad to see such a revival among the colored people. It shows their morals are improving and that they are thinking of something besides where they would get their next spring chicken. Brother Silas Smith's successor must have been stirring the folks up with a hot stick that they come to the front so strong. Go on in your good work, brother, and don't let the sisters get stuck on and jealous of you and you will not get into trouble, as did your predecessor.

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J. D. Morris & Co.

E. R. Locke (Ellie) and R. L. Morris (Bob) have bought an interest in the dry goods house of J. D. Morris, of this city. This house now enjoys a fine trade and the addition of these two live and enterprising young business men to the house will make the firm still more flourishing. They are two of the few young men of this city who attend strictly to business and are without any bad habits at all. This firm will now renew its vigor and business and will succeed in its undertaking of not being outdone by any house in the city of its kind. We cheerfully recommend the friends of all members of the firm, old patrons and the public at large to call and see the new firm when they want anything in their line.

That a gentleman in Southwest Mexico whips his wife brutally and that she is afraid to complain. If he don't stop the neighbors are going to attend to him.

That a Connecticut man died from his bones having turned to chalk. People cannot be too careful in regulating the amount of milk they drink in this world.

That Col. Bybee, proprietor of the Laddonia hotel, got even with a boarder who did not pay his bill by giving him a good thrashing and then making him pay.

That the cup of life is filled with punch. Youth furnishes the spirits, middle age the sugar, and old age the acid. Ice is furnished by men who endorse notes.

That a gentleman who lives in the county is only waiting till his arm gets well when he will "come to town and wipe the earth up with a certain guy who lives in Mexico."

That Pat Dyer, of Rush Hill, last week licked Mr. Strief, of the same place, for making some remarks reflecting on the holiness meetings, which some member of his family had been attending.

That pleasure is a silken chord composed of exquisite cobwebs, and floods of rich sunshine give it a beautiful hue. Duty is a golden rope, which once thrown over our necks leads us, unwillingly where pleasure is obliged to follow.

That a girl at sixteen wants a duke with toothpick shoes and a microscopic mustache; at twenty, a chief justice with piles of tin; at twenty-five she'll be satisfied with a member of congress; at thirty, a country doctor or preacher will do; at thirty-five, an itinerant tinker; over thirty-five, anything that wears pants, from an editor up to a coachman.

That a man who owes several years subscription on a newspaper and asks the postmaster to send it back "refused," without paying up, would put tar in his hat when taking up a church collection, in order to steal small change. When you want to stop your paper go to the office, pay up, get a receipt and tell the editor you don't want his vile sheet and will like him if he sends it. Pay what you owe and then stop it if you want to and say what you please.

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That the January thaw is late.
That the grand jury was "loaded for bear."

That the Ledger got several scoops last week.
That the prospect for a very muddy spring is good.

That Ed Taylor is the shining light at a country dance.
That Rush Hill will have a block of brick buildings in the spring.

That the present grand jury was composed entirely of hummers.
That the grand jury believe in marriage and giving in marriage.

That one of our friends left his watch when he went down South.
That the Mexico opera house is one of the best heated in the state.

That Bob White at last got all the items from the court house he wanted.
That we are to have a genuine building boom as soon as spring opens.

That the fascinating (?) traveling man Hoffman is the lightning change masher.
That the last sensation is too heart-rending to publish unless the matter gets into court.

That the grand jury was going to investigate where Charley Dohyng got the \$10 bill.
That they found an entire family of this city came near being poisoned by eating corroded vinegar.

That Dohyng & Gibbs have sold their music box—not the two-legged one but the wooden one.
That there was more of a demand for extra copies of the Ledger last week than we could supply.

That the city politicians are beginning to be found as of old at the post-office corner Sunday afternoons.
That the grand jury found a true bill against Uncle Abe Hitt on the robbery and fined him a bushel of apples.

That Wm. Beck will soon begin to give his open air concerts every evening if the weather continues favorable.
That Bob White has always held that people seldom got their just deserts in this world. He has changed his mind.

That a certain "regular" doctor who has just withdrawn from the medical society had better look out for his scalp.
That some people think no sermon should be preached over the remains of a woman who has fallen, when she dies, as happened in this city not long since.

That A. Larkin Bennette, the facile princeps correspondent of the Detroit Free Press, went rabbit hunting last Monday and killed a wagon load of rabbits.
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Ladies' Kid Gloves, 25c, 50c, 75c per pr.
Ladies' Corsets, 50c, 75c, \$1.
Ladies' Wool Jackets, 50c, 75c, \$1.
Ladies' Hdkfs. 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c.

Towels, 10c, 15c, 17 1/2c, 25c.
Everything down to suit the times.

IT IS A FACT

That we are really offering LADIES' CLOAKS, RUSSIAN CIRCULARS, NEWMARKETS, PLUSHES, &c., for less than they cost.

We have received direct from importers a new and fresh line of Hamburgs which we are offering very low—5c, 10c, 15c, 20c per yard and upwards.

M. E. BOTTIS.

LADDONIA ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

LADDONIA, Feb. 2.—It is strange how some people long for fame, and sometimes they will even go so far as to steal another's name to appear great. Such was the case with the writer of a letter to the Herald not long since, using the name of "W. H. H. Jackson," but the "fraud" was discovered and exposed in time to prevent any evil from arising.

The skating rink continues to be well patronized by all classes. Last Saturday night a large crowd of "spectators" were present.

The G. T. Lodge grows in interest. An open session will be given on the night of the 21st. An interesting programme will be carried out, and the public are invited to attend and spend a pleasant evening.

The Literary Society was a grand success last week. The music rendered by Prof. Ramsey and Mr. Pendleton was very fine indeed. Miss M. Skaggs read a good selection, and H. Morey's recitation, giving an account of a great mistake, was full of humor. The debate was good. The question for debate next Thursday—Resolved, "That the oppression practiced by the British and Russian governments justify the use of dynamite," will be ably discussed by some of our best debaters. The programme throughout is interesting.

Miss Steel, of Illinois, sister of Mrs. J. G. Burton, is visiting here.

Mrs. Lucy Hendrick, of Pike county, is visiting here.

Miss Emma Hutton will resume her duties as teacher in Montgomery county next Tuesday.

Mrs. Link's health is improving. Miss Katie Clark is thought to be better. Mrs. J. B. Clark and little child are quite sick.

Stevens & Mitchell are building a warehouse in addition to their new store.

Mr. Earhart has resumed work on his buildings.

Everybody says money is getting more plentiful, that debts are being paid up, that merchants are beginning to smile and lay plans for spring goods, that blacksmiths are hammering out and repairing old plows for future usefulness, that everybody is alive with energy, and that a certain joyousness of our town is soon to be inaugurated.

ANNE LAURIE.

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Mr. Rogers' wonderful versatility and the naturalness of his delineations have won for him, from the press, the title of "The Actor of the Platform."

At the Opera House Tuesday eve, February 10th.

The Andrain County Medical Society met Saturday at 7 p. m. in the office of Drs. Russell & Cave. Members present, Drs. Baskett, Berry, Fritts, Russell, Rothwell, Murdock, Walker and Cave. Subject of discussion, "Cancer of the Stomach." Subject for next Saturday eve, "Actions and Uses of Ergot."

Fire Company.

The first drill of the Mexico fire company will be on Friday Feb. 13, at 5 o'clock p. m. The council next Monday night will agree on the names of the entire company. There are about one hundred applicants and only twenty-three men are needed.

The new county court is now in session. John A. Guthrie and M. L. Rafferty being the new members with the old war horse, who has served with a dozen associates, Judge A. J. Douglass presiding. This is a good court and will give entire satisfaction.

Smoke The Pullet, a genuine Havana filler, for sale by Theo. Garrett.

E. M. Sloan, Grand Secretary of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of the State of Missouri and a leading Democratic politician of St. Louis, while in Mexico this week on business made us a pleasant call. He is a genial gentleman.

Miss Allie Goltz, a charming belle of Fulton, was visiting Mrs. Susie Ragdale of this city last week. Miss Goltz, accompanied by Mrs. Ragdale made us a pleasant call.

Come again, ladies, as we are always pleased to see you.

Mr. Rogers allows no obstacle to his control to prevent him from keeping his engagements. His record in this respect is remarkable.

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New York World.

All of our subscribers get the New York World free again this week. It is a good paper and cheap. Read the Bible, Ledger and New York World and you will be happy.

John Sontag and Dr. Patterson are able to be out.

Mrs. Lizzie Gregg Colard, of Slater, is here visiting relatives.

Tickets are selling rapidly for the Stuart Rogers entertainment.

An infant daughter of Walter Tretchell, a prominent citizen near Benton City, died this week.

Hardin College Entertainment.

A pleasing opera of four acts, entitled "Katie Dean; or, The Little Rag-picker," will be given by the vocal class of Hardin College Friday, Feb. 6, 1885, in the College chapel. (STREET.)

Katie Dean, an orphan, living with an Irish widow, Biddle McCune. Katie conceives the idea of searching for a mother and tries to advertise. (STREET.)

Biddle McCune reflects upon bygone days. Katie enters excitedly and announces the fact that she has found a new idea. Biddle becomes angry. Katie sees her sainted mother. (STREET.)

Katie appears on the street again, face washed, dress made and hair combed. A friend of hers, tenses her and pretends not to know her. Katie discouraged about finding a mother and sings a little song, which a lady in mourning hears. It touches the lady, for her own little girl used to sing this song; she being dead the kind lady adopts Katie. (STREET.)

Katie enters richly dressed but seems incredulous about her condition and thinks it a dream. Katie has asked her new mother that Biddle McCune might live in the house. Biddle hears that when Katie is in the parlor where all the ladies are. Biddle tells the story of Katie's life and gives the ring which was given her with Katie to the lady. All sing a welcome song. (STREET.)

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